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Citation for Naty Tremblay

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The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is honoured to present the 2024-2025 Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for Excellence in Social Sciences, Humanities, or Arts to Naty Tremblay of the University of Guelph. The University of Guelph is situated on the lands of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee peoples, and is part of the territory covered by the Dish with One Spoon wampum agreement.

Naty is being recognized for their exceptional scholarly and community contributions in advancing transformative justice, equity, and social inclusion. As a PhD candidate in Social Practice and Transformational Change, Naty's research explores the vital contributions of Queer, Trans, and Two Spirit communities to transformative justice praxis, culture, and movement building in Toronto, using interdisciplinary and arts-based methods to document, mobilize, and share knowledge.

Naty is a trailblazer whose impact spans over two decades. Their work as an artist, educator, and community organizer has consistently bridged academic research with grassroots social change. Naty has designed and facilitated creative programs, workshops, and residencies with marginalized communities across Turtle Island, providing tools for mutual aid, conflict resolution, and collective care. They have co-founded multiple arts collectives, including the Wild Queer Abolition Arts Collective and the Switch Street Performance Collective, creating transformative spaces for LGBTQ2S+ and allied communities.

In the academic context, Naty has demonstrated outstanding leadership and collaboration. They revived the Social Practice and Transformational Change Community of Practice at the University of Guelph, fostering cross-disciplinary engagement, knowledge sharing, and collective learning. They serve on the SOPR Steering Committee and have actively shaped program direction, partnerships, and initiatives to support diverse and equity-seeking students. Naty's mentorship, facilitation, and teaching exemplify how research and leadership can empower communities while generating rigorous scholarly contributions.

Naty's work has been recognized nationally and internationally, through conference presentations, collaborative publications, and innovative arts-based scholarship. Their research, teaching, and creative practice consistently foreground marginalized voices and promote socially transformative approaches, bridging academia, art, and activism.

Naty Tremblay embodies principled leadership, creative vision, and a steadfast dedication to social justice. It is a privilege to honour Naty as an exemplary and deeply deserving recipient of OCUFA's the Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for Excellence in Social Sciences, Humanities, or Arts.